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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD PRESIDENT)

SUBJECT: GIFTS (THE TREE)

REF.: JAKARTA 13931

1. WE HAVE LOOKED CAREFULLY INTO JAKARTA'S PROPOSAL FOR TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY (REFTEL) AND HAVE RUN ACROSS VARIOUS PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES. MOST APPROPRIATE TREE WHICH MIGHT BE TRANSPORTED TO JAKARTA IN TIME FOR VISIT WOULD BE MAGNOLIA SAPLING DESCENDED FROM TREES ORIGINALLY PLANTED ON WHITE HOUSE GROUNDS BY PRESIDENT JACKSON. SAPLINGS, UNFORTUNATELY, ARE TOO SMALL FOR APPROPRIATELY IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY. DOUBTS HAVE ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED WHETHER TREE WOULD SURVIVE IN DOWNTOWN JAKARTA ENVIRONMENT.

2. IF PRE-ADVANCE PARTY AGREES AS TO DESIRABILITY

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OF SCHEDULING THIS PARTICULAR CEREMONY, WE WILL SEE WHAT

CAN BE DONE. AT THIS STAGE, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO US THAT
ALTERNATE CEREMONY WOULD BE A SAFER BET. KISSINGER

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